

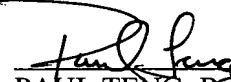
REMARKS

The subject application is a U.S. national phase under 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/JP2005/022503. Claims 1-10 are pending, with claim 1 being in independent form. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 3, 5 and 7-10 have been amended to remove multi-dependencies therein.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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